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Dear Jim:

I am enclosing copies of an August 17, 1990 Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, and a Notice of Allowability. The required issue fee of \$620.00 is due on November 19, 1990.

The Examiner has allowed all of the outstanding claims in the application (claims 9-28). The Examiner also indicated that the formal drawings filed on June 18, 1990 are acceptable.

Before we pay the issue fee, we recommend that you again check that the application is free of error and that the inventorship is correct. Also, please inform me of any additional art or other information which you, the inventors, or others at Philip Morris have become aware of and believe there is a "substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider ... important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent."

I will await your instructions before paying the issue fee.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

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